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| Title: <b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR<br/>CONFIGURING PROCESSING ENTITIES<br/>ACCORDING TO THEIR ROLES IN A<br/>DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH A<br/>DISTRIBUTED ARCHITECTURE</b> | : International Business Machines Corp. |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows: